

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Florida's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children; and

**WHEREAS**, adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can have severe and long-lasting consequences for children, families, and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, every child has the right to a safe, healthy, and happy childhood, where they are supported in achieving their educational and developmental milestones; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that parents and caregivers who have strong support systems and access to resources are more resilient and better equipped to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for individuals, schools, community organizations, and local governments to prioritize children and take action to support their physical, social, emotional, and educational development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Services Council of Broward County is committed to supporting families by funding Family Support Programs designed to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. These programs stabilize families in crisis, promote positive parenting strategies, and, prevent out-of-home placements; and


**WHEREAS**, Broward AWARE!, a countywide campaign led by the Children's Services Council and its partners, aims to raise awareness of child abuse prevention by promoting healthy child development, positive parenting practices, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an important opportunity to encourage all Floridians to participate in activities that strengthen families and communities, creating environments where children can thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

  
ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR